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Jo Daviess County FAP 301, US 20 IL 84 to Bolton Road Addendum E Project: P-92-004-92 Deputy State History: Preservation Difficer
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FEDERAL 106 PROJECT

Ms. Anne Haaker Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Ms. Haaker:

Attached is a report from the Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program concerning the results of survey of the 144 acre project area referenced above. No archaeological, architectural, or historic sites were identified within the proposed project rights-of way.

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of proposed lilinois Department of Transportation projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that no historic properties, subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, will be affected by the proposed construction activities.

Very truly yours,

John A. Walthall, PhD Cultural Resources Unit

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June 13, 2000

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Dear Mr Walthall:

Thank you for your letter, which is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 110.

The main contact group of the Sac and Fox in issues pertaining to the proposed improvements to U.S. 20 in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, Illinois project will be Johnathan Buffalo of the Sac and Fox Tribe of Mississippi in Iowa. Mr. Buffalo's number is listed on this letterhead.

Sincerely,

Deanne Bahr Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri NAGPRA Contact Representative



To:

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Attn: K. Marchek

From:

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May 23, 2000

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Freeport to Galena

Stephenson and JoDaviess Counties

Enclosed you will find a copy of a revised report summarizing the results of surveys to date for the project referenced above. Also enclosed are copies of letters transmitting a copy of this report to the various tribes of the Ho-Chunk / Winnebago (2) and Sac-Fox (3). These tribes either ceded lands in the Illinois counties involved with the U.S. 20 project or have presented claims for lands in the project area.

These letters were sent to these tribes in keeping with the revised regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We are asking that they review the report and offer any comments which they may have concerning this undertaking. We will keep these tribes informed concerning future archaeological survey for the U.S. 20 project and any subsurface evaluation or data recovery which may be required at sites which can be affiliated with the Native American presence in this area.

John A. Walthall, PhD Chief Archaeologist May 23, 2000

Ms. Sandra Kaye Massey Historic Preservation Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Route 2, Box 246 Stroud, OK 74079

Dear Ms. Massey,

I am writing to you to initiate consultation with your tribe under the revised guidelines of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 concerning proposed improvements to U.S. 20 in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, Illinois. Various sections of the U.S. 20 project have been in planning and construction stages for over a quarter of a century. When completed this transportation facility will provide a four-lane freeway across northern Illinois from Chicago to the Galena area. Segments have been constructed from Chicago to Freeport and we are now planning the final section from Freeport to Galena.

Enclosed you will find a copy of an interim report on archaeological surveys to date for this Freeport to Galena section of U.S. 20. Multi-year archaeological surveys have been conducted over some 4,000 acres of the total area of the combined corridors, that is, about half of the total acreage involved. Since multiple, large corridors are being considered, a full-scale survey was not economically feasible or prudent. Accordingly, a phased program of archaeological survey has been conducted.

The first segment of the project area, from the west side of Freeport to just beyond the town of Stockton, is a single alignment and has been intensively surveyed. This area of relatively flat glacial till plain was apparently used primarily in the prehistoric past as hunting territories since the sites found in this corridor are light scatters of chipped stone confined to the plowed surface deposits. None of these sites appear to have subsurface deposits and are not likely to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

To the west of Stockton, we have surveyed in the multiple alternate corridors which have been designed to traverse this environmentally complex upland hill country. We first surveyed all areas with a high probability for containing cemeteries and/or burial mounds so that these sensitive areas could be avoided. Several groups of burial mounds were located along the bluffs of major streams and were mapped. None of these mounds will be impacted by the proposed highway. The location of these burial areas and environmental resources will be considered in the selection of a single, final corridor. Once this final alignment is selected through the public hearing process and engineering review, we will conduct a total survey of all areas to be impacted by construction. A program of subsurface testing will be conducted at archaeological sites in the alignment which appear to have the potential as historic properties eligible for the National

Register. We will attempt to avoid any significant sites found. If significant prehistoric habitation sites are found which cannot be avoided we will coordinate the adverse impacts as outlined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We are seeking your comments on this project and the survey work carried out to date. We will keep you informed of the progress of the cultural resources program associated with this highway improvement and we look forward to cooperating with your tribe concerning these historic preservation activities in Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Ms. Deanne Bahr Historic Preservation Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri 305 North Main Street Reserve, KS 66434-9723

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